

PROCEEDINGS OF SOCIETIES.

CHICAGO: ACADEMY OF SCIENCES: Nov. 9.—A committee was appointed to draft a sketch of the life of Prof. J. A. Lapham.

PHILADELPHIA: INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF GAME AND FISH: Nov. 19.—The Executive Committee of this association met, and standing committees were appointed on game-laws, general distribution of species, on habits of species, and on law.

ANN ARBOR, MICH.: SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION: Oct. 30.—A paper was read by Dr. Cocker on the Nature of Life. A committee was appointed to arrange for a course of popular scientific lectures, and it was announced that Dr. Watson had signified his willingness to open the course with one on the Transit of Venus.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.: SOCIETY OF NATURAL SCIENCES: Nov. 2.—The first anniversary of the establishment of the Society was held, and an address was given by the Rev. Stephen Bowers on the Mount Builders.

Nov. 5.—Annual meeting for the election of officers: G. W. Barnes was chosen President, and E. W. Hendrickson Corresponding Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO: CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES: Nov. 1.—A donation was made by Dr. Burleigh of a series of seals, sea lions, and walruses from Alaska.

Mr. Philibert, a member of the French Transit of Venus party, read a paper on the Members in Line of Descent. Dr. Parry made a contribution on the Botany and Horticulture of California, in which he treated the property of the establishment in San Francisco of a botanic garden, to be devoted especially to the representation of American species. Dr. Gibbons made some remarks upon the Spring season in California and the peculiarities of the climate, stating that this commenced the previous year, April 1, for the first time in 25 years, before the middle of November.

SAN FRANCISCO: MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY: Oct. 7.—The principal subject of discussion during the meeting was the spread of the Phylloxera in the California vineyards, which was said to be of alarming importance. Dr. Blakely spoke of remedies that had been brought forward before the Academy of Sciences in Paris, and proposed the use of a remedy by encircling the vine stems by a piece of thin zinc or muslin in the form of a cone around the stem, a few inches above the ground, and covering the lower border of it with earth or fine sand, the insects would be prevented from crawling up to deposit their eggs. The report of Prof. May, on the condition of the females, however, show that this must be unavailing.

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